



SPW

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ichiro Kodaka, et al.
Serial No.: 10/754,381
Filed: January 9, 2004
For: *Layered Support and Method
for Laminating CMP Pads*
Art Unit: 3723
Examiner: GOFF, John L.
Att'y. Dkt.: 02JC-105385

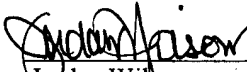
**CERTIFICATE OF
MAILING/TRANSMISSION
(37 C.F.R. § 1.8A)**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on
the date shown below, being:
(X) deposited with the United States Postal
Service with sufficient postage as first class mail
in an envelope addressed to:

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

() transmitted by facsimile to the Patent and
Trademark Office.

5/31/06
Date


Jordan Wilson

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.56 AND §§1.97-1.98**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The citation listed on the enclosed PTO/SB/08A form is submitted under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56. The Examiner is requested to make this citation officially of record in the application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) and (e), the undersigned hereby certifies that the item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement. Enclosed is a copy of the International Search Report dated April 28, 2006. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97, no fee is required.

This Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation or admission that the listed citation, by itself or in combination with other information, is material to patentability, is, in fact, prior art, or establishes or a prima facie case of unpatentability


of any claim in the above-identified application. Additionally, this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a further search of the art has been made by Applicants, or that additional information relevant to the examination of this application does not exist unbeknownst to Applicants.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 501395. A duplicate copy of this Statement is attached herewith if the Office needs to make a charge against the deposit account for submission of the enclosed.

May 31, 2006

Sheppard Mullin
Richter & Hampton LLP
Four Embarcadero Center, 17th Floor
San Francisco, CA 94111-4106
(415) 434-9100 (tel)
(415) 434-3947 (fax)

Respectfully submitted,

By 
David Schnapf
Registration No. 31,566



PTO/SB/08A (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet 1 of 1

Complete if Known

Application Number	10/754,381
Filing Date	January 9, 2004
First Named Inventor	Ichiro Kodaka
Art Unit	3723
Examiner Name	GOFF, John L.
Attorney Docket Number	02JC-105385

U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
	A1	US- 5573622	11-12-1996	Hass et al.	Col. 5, Lines 46-50
	A2	US-			
	A3	US-			
	A4	US-			
	A5	US-			
	A6	US-			
	A7	US-			
	A8	US-			
	A9	US-			
	A10	US-			
	A11	US-			
	A12	US-			
	A13	US-			
	A14	US-			
	A15	US-			
	A16	US-			
	A17	US-			
	A18	US-			
	A19	US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ *Number ⁴ *Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				

Examiner
SignatureDate
Considered

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.